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1. SUMMARY: FORCED EXPULSION OF GREEK CYPRIOTS FROM KARPASS HAS CREATED FUROR IN NICOSIA; APPROXIMATELY 800 PERSONS MOVED SINCE JUNE 27. TURK CYPRIOTS ANGERED BY ALLEGED BEATING OF 48 TURKS ATTEMPTING FLEE NORTH. GOC REPORTEDLY PLANNING TO RAISE ISSUES OF EXPULSIONS, TURKISH MAINLAND IMMIGRATION TO CYPRUS AND NEW FAMAGUSTA EXPLOITATION WITH UNSC AND MAKE DEMARCHE TO PERMANENT MEMBER COUNTRIES. END SUMMARY.

2. FORCED EXPULSION OF GREEK CYPRIOTS FROM ENCLAVED VILLAGES IN KARPASS PENINSULA BEGAN JUNE 27 WHEN TURKISH AUTHORITIES MOVED
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APPROXIMATELY 150 GREEK CYPRIOTS FROM KARPASS HOMES TO

LEDRA PALACE CHECKPOINT AND THENCE INTO GREEK NICOSIA. MOVES MADE ON VERY SHORT NOTICE; MINIMUM TRANSFER OF PERSONAL EFFECTS PERMITTED. ON JUNE 29 ADDITIONAL 281 GREEK CYPRIOTS WERE EXPELLED FROM KARPASS ENCLAVES UNDER SIMILAR CIRCUMSTANCES. FIGURE FOR JUNE 30 IS APPROXIMATELY 300 FOR THREE DAY TOTAL OF ABOUT 800. ACCORDING GREEK CYPRIOT NEWSPAPER REPORTS, MANY OF THOSE EXPELLED HAD NOT APPLIED FOR PERMITS TO MOVE SOUTH AS CLAIMED BY TURKS. GREEK PRESS JUNE 30 CHARGES CLEAR VIOLATION OF EXISTING AGREEMENT THAT IN CASE OF MOVES OF ENCLAVED PERSONS, CONSENT OF BOTH SIDES NECESSARY. EXPULSIONS ARE LEAD ITEM IN ALL LOCAL MEDIA AND HAVE AROUSED VEHEMENT REACTION.

3. BACKGROUND TO EXPULSION INVOLVES CLERIDES-DENKTASH DEAL REACHED JUNE 25 TO SWAP SOME TURKISH STUDENTS IN SOUTH FOR PERMISSION FOR 10 GREEK CYPRIOT TEACHERS TO GO TO GREEK ENCLAVES IN KARPASS. DEAL FELL THROUGH WHEN DENKTASH ALLEGEDLY CLAIMED HE WAS TEMPORARILY UNABLE MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR GREEK TEACHERS, FOLLOWING WHICH CLERIDES ORDERED HALT TO TRANSFER OF TURKISH STUDENTS. SITUATION EXACERBATED BY REPORTS THAT 48 TURKISH CYPRIOTS ENCLAVED IN PAPHOS WERE ROUGHED UP BY GREEKS JUNE 25 AND PREVENTED FROM FLEEING NORTH. THIS INCIDENT HAS BEEN SEIZED ON BY TURKISH CYPRIOT PRESS.

4. CYPRUS RADIO AFTERNOON JUNE 30 REPORTS THAT GOC INTENDS TO CIRCULARIZE UNSC MEMBERS AND TO MAKE DEMARCHE TO FIVE PERMANENT SC MEMBER COUNTRIES. IN ADDITION TO FORCED EXPULSION ISSUE, GOC PLANS TO CHARGE TURKS WITH INCREASED MAINLAND IMMIGRATION TO CYPRUS (WHICH, GOC CLAIMS, WOULD RESULT IN 100,000 TURKISH MAINLANDERS ON CYPRUS BY YEAR END, INCLUDING MILITARY AND DEPENDENTS), AND OCCUPATION OF TURKS OF WESTERN VAROSHA.

5. REF A CARRIES RADIO BAYRAK STATEMENT BY DENKTASH TO UNSYG SPEC REP WECKMANN THAT "IF TURKISH CYPRIOTS LIVING IN SOUTH CONTINUE TO BE SUBJECTED TO CRUELTY AND IF THOSE WHO WANT TO CROSS INTO NORTH FROM SOUTH ARE PREVENTED FROM DOING SO, THEN, NO MATTER WHAT WHOLE WORLD MAY SAY WE SHALL BE COMPELLED TO SEND ALL GREEK CYPRIOTS LIVING IN NORTH TO SOUTH".

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A) IN CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR JUNE 28, DENKTASH TOOK HARD LINE ON EXPULSIONS AND STATED THEY WOULD CONTINUE AS LONG AS GREEKS INTERFERED WITH MOVEMENT OF TURKS NORTH. UN SOURCES TOLD US JUNE 30, HOWEVER, THAT DENKTASH HAS AGREED TO SUSPEND EXPULSIONS OF GREEKS FROM KARPASS FOR THREE DAYS IN ANTICIPATION OF GREEK AGREEMENT TO LET 48 TURKS ROUGHED UP AT PAPHOS, AND FAMILIES MOVE SAFELY NORTH. IF GOC DOES NOT KEEP THIS

AGREEMENT, EXPULSIONS WOULD CONTINUE, ACCORDING DENKTASH.
(DENKTASH DEPARTS CYPRUS JULY 1 FOR TRIP TO IRAQ AND LIBYA,
WHICH COULD COMPLICATE SITUATION FURTHER.)

B) UN SOURCE STATES THAT ICRC DOCTORS CONFIRM TURK CYPRIOT
PAPHIANS DID INDEED SHOW SIGNS OF BEATINGS AND THAT INJURIES
PROBABLY NOT SOLELY RESULT OF "FALLING INTO DITCHES WHILE
TRYING TO ESCAPE", AS CLAIMED BY GREEKS.

C) EMBASSY CANNOT AT THIS TIME CONFIRM GREEK CLAIM
THAT MAINLAND IMMIGRATION PLANNED TO REACH 100,000 FIGURE. WE
WILL CONTINUE REPORT NEW ARRIVALS WHEN OBSERVABLE.
EMBASSY ACCESS (AND THAT OF ALL OTHER MISSIONS) TO VAROSHA
IS STILL PREVENTED BY TURK AUTHORITIES AND THUS WE CAN ADD
NOTHING TO OUR PREVIOUS COMMENTS ON REPORTED OCCUPATION/
LOOTING OF VAROSHA (REFS B AND C).

D) IN THREE DAYS, ALMOST 10 PERCENT OF GREEK CYPRIOT POPULA-
TION IN NORTH HAS BEEN FORCED SOUTH. PRESENT BALANCE IS ABOUT
8,000 TURKS REMAINING IN SOUTH, AND ABOUT EQUAL NUMBER GREEKS
IN NORTH.
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